

SERVICE AVIATION (CONTINUED)

Courses at Camberley

WING Cdr. W. E. Theak, *p.s.a.*, and Sqn. Ldr. W. B. Bennett have completed courses at the Army Staff College, Camberley. Sqn. Ldr. Bennett will accordingly have the symbol *q.s.* after his name in the *Air Force List*.

A School for General Reconnaissance

THE School of General Reconnaissance will form at Thorney Island on April 4. From that date, instruction in general reconnaissance will cease at the School of Air Navigation, Manston.

Dental Officers

THE undermentioned dental officers have been selected for permanent commissions:—

Flt. Lts. William Vernon Anthony Denney, L.D.S., and Francis Frederick Kennedy, L.D.S.

C.F.S. Categories

THE undermentioned reserve officers have recently been tested at the Central Flying School and are awarded the following categories:—

A.2.—Flt. Lt. J. A. Dobson and F/O. R. G. Weighill.

B.—Flt. Lt. M. V. Gibbon and F/O. R. T. S. Morris.

Port Said Reunion Dinner

THE sixteenth annual reunion of the Old Comrades' Association, R.N. Seaplane Base, Port Said (including H.M.S. *Ben-my-Chree*, *Raven*, *Anne*, *Empress* and *City of Oxford*), will be held in London on Saturday, February 19. Particulars may be obtained from Mr. Norman M. Williams, 16, Shrewsbury Avenue, London, S.W.14.

Volunteer Reserve Mess at Hatfield

AN R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve Mess has been formed at Hatfield Aerodrome by No. 1 Elementary and Reserve Flying Training School, and an inaugural dance is to be held in King Edward Hall, Regent's Park Road, Finchley, N.3, on Friday, February 25. Tickets are 5s. each and may be obtained upon application from Sgt. V. W. Berg, "Berwyn," Ashurst Road, Cockfosters, Barnet, Herts.

A Reserve of Nurses

IN order to supplement Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service in time of emergency, it has been decided to recruit a reserve of fully trained and State-registered nurses.

Candidates must be between the ages of 24 and 40, single, or widows without children, and be prepared, in a national emergency, to serve at home or abroad. Candidates will be enrolled for a period of three years, which may be extended from time to time, and when mobilised will be eligible for promotion. When called up for service members will be issued with an allowance to cover the cost of providing and maintaining uniform and will be entitled to receive pay ranging from £80 a year in the case of a staff nurse to £140 in the case of a senior sister. In addition, an allowance is issuable to cover washing and board and, where quarters, fuel, etc., are not available, allowances in lieu are payable.

Membership does not entail any period of annual training, but arrangements will be made to enable members to do duty in a Royal Air Force Hospital for a week or a fortnight if they wish. Regulations of entry and application forms may be obtained on application to the Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

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General Duties Branch

The following Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant on the dates stated:—A. Green (January 14); R. Leigh (Lt., Royal Artillery), J. W. Deacon (Lt., Worcester Regt.), (Seny., January 21, 1937), (January 21); J. R. Jendwine, K. E. Cornabe, D. Saward (January 28). Sqn. Ldr. G. E. G. Lywood is placed on the retired list at his own request (February 1); Flt. Lt. E. B. Grace is transferred to the Reserve, Class A (February 1); Flt. Lt. C. F. Newcombe is transferred to the Reserve, Class C (January 30).

Medical Branch

The following Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant with effect from January 4 and with seniority of the dates stated:—J. C. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B.; W. T. Buckle, M.B., Ch.B., E. S. Sidey, M.B., Ch.B. (January 4, 1937); J. D. Milne, L.R.C.P. and S. (July 28, 1937); S. Paul, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (August 24, 1937); H. O'B. Howat, M.B., Ch.B. (January 4).

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

Sister Miss E. M. Murphy is placed on the retired list on account of ill health (February 4).



CAUSE OF THE STRIFE: On the previous page is recorded the dissension of Dorset authorities and residents over the proposal to establish a bombing range in their locality. The Air Ministry has explained that only 8½ lb. practice bombs, of the sort seen here, would be used.

No. 26 (Training) Group

THE headquarters of the Superintendent of the Reserve and Inspector of Civil Flying Training Schools was renamed No. 26 (Training) Group with effect from December 1, 1937. It is responsible for the training at the following Elementary and Reserve Flying Training Schools: No. 1, Hatfield; No. 2, Filton; No. 3, Hamble; No. 4, Brough; No. 5, Hanworth; No. 6, Sywell; No. 7, Desford; No. 8, Reading; No. 9, Ansty; No. 10, Yatesbury; No. 11, Perth; No. 12, Prestwick; No. 13, White Waltham; No. 14, Castle Bromwich; No. 15, Redhill; No. 16, Shoreham; No. 17, Barton; No. 18, Fair Oaks, Woking; No. 19, Gatwick; No. 20, Gravesend; No. 21, Stapleford Abbots.

Permanent Commissions

THE following short-service officers have been selected for specialist courses with a view to obtaining permanent commissions in the general duties branch:—F/Os Fleming, C. N., Samson, B., Burns, R. E., Churchill, A. J. F., Pettit, J. A. E., Millar, J. C., Voyce, J. B., Groom, A. D., Irens, H. J., Burgis, F. S. D., Fidler, G. M., Parnaby, G. S. A., Mitchell, C. H., Oats, V. R., Morris, B. G., Smith, S. R. R., Richmond, G. A., Vickers, T. R., Welland, R. D., Crawford, R. C.

The following Flying Officers have been selected for non-specialist permanent commissions:—Black, J. B., Corkery, M. P. C., Cruickshanks, G. L., Edwards, R. I. K., Fothergill, C., Garvin, G. D., King, C. F., Nedwill, R. J. C., Oliver, D. C., Pinfold, H. M., Sharp, R. E., Woodhouse, H. de C. A.

Royal Air Force Reserve

Reserve of Air Force Officers

General Duties Branch

The following are granted commissions as Flight Lieutenants in Class C with effect from the dates stated:—Capt. G. F. M. Warner (R.A.R.O.), (July 27, 1937); Maj. T. G. Hungerford (R.M., Ret.), (December 13, 1937). Maj. H. J. Eastwood, M.C. (R.A.R.O.); Maj. D. Hodson (I.A. (Sp. U.L.)), (December 15, 1937); Capt. A. R. Smeathers (R.A.R.O.), (December 20, 1937); Maj. C. M. Lister, M.C. (R.A.R.O.), (December 29, 1937); Lt. A. G. D. Alderson (January 5). Flt. Lt. H. V. Horner is transferred from Class A to Class C (September 26, 1937). Flt. Lt. E. M. Thompson relinquishes his commission on appointment to a commission in the Auxiliary Air Force (January 3).

Auxiliary Air Force

General Duties Branch

The following are granted commissions as Flight Lieutenants (January 3):—Flt. Lt. E. E. Ellison (R.A.F.O.), Lt. V. C. Grenfell (R.N., Ret.), E. M. Thompson.